

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

To generate a more representative measure of opening and closing delays, multiple calls may be initiated and then terminated. The multiple calls may each have the same source IP address but use, e.g., be assigned to, different ports in the firewall. The calls may be initiated and terminated in parallel. The measured opening delays corresponding to the multiple calls can, and in various embodiments are, statistically averaged to generate an average measured opening delay. Similarly measured closing delays corresponding to the multiple calls can, and in various embodiments are, statistically averaged to generate an average measured opening closing delay. Plots of opening and closing delays, e.g., average delays, measured under different system conditions or measured for different systems may be generated and used as an engineering tool in accordance with the invention.